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For the Maryland Farmer.

### OUR NEW FARM, IX.

RESTORING LAND.

Sitting on our piazza in our rocking chairs the evening after getting in our sweet corn Mr. Hutchens, Mr. Camden, and Mr. Burns, with their wives and Josie and James Camden, all came up to visit us. This was in accordance with custom I suppose and they thought they would come together to make it more sociable. We invited them in, but the men folks wanted to stay outside, so we brought out chairs.

Said Mr. Camden:

"You've made a considerable change in the looks of things here. It is remarkable what a little labor and paint will do." And Mr. Burns said:

"Wouldn't know the old house now. It's gone for good and all."

And Mr. Hutchens said:

"You haven't painted things as folks generally do in the country hereabouts; but I think it is about as good for a change."

I thought this was not a very profitable subject so I began to talk about my land, and I said:

"Now, friends, I don't know much about farming. Most of my life has been in the city. I have read that old, wornout land might be brought back again by turning in green crops and would like to have your experience to help me; for I see that some of these fields are in a rather poor condition."

Mr. Burns said:

"I haven't tried green crops; but winter before last—you remember, Mr. Camden —I had about an acre of turnips that got caught out and froze solid and lay there all winter. Well, I was laughed at pretty bad on account of that lot of turnips. Next spring I plowed up that piece of ground, and turned in all the old rotten roots and tops, and there was a mess of them. That's as rich a piece of ground as I've got outside of my garden, and the land along side of it is nowhere."

Then I said:

"That's a good item, and worth trying; but I am afraid my field would not be fertile enough to bring much of a crop of turnips to start with."

And he replied:

"Oh it don't need rich land for turnips."
Then Mr. Burns said:

"I've grown rye during the winter, and turned it under early in the spring and found it a good thing. Turning under a sod is always said to be worth as much as one manuring, and I thought the rye about equal to a sod."

Then Mr. Camden said:

"I haven't had much experience. I've always depended upon my barn yard, as I keep stock enough for my purpose, and when the barn yard gives out I stop the plough. But if I was in your place Mr. Green, I would plough up a few acres of the poorest field and sow cow peas. I've heard they were first rate to turn under on poor land."

Then Mr. Burns said; before I had a chance to speak.

"Cows are a good deal better than cow peas; but I've heard too how as they were a good fertilizing crop; but I could never get'em when I tried in Baltimore."

Then Mr. Camden said again:

"I think I would try some ground bone on a piece of that land over to the North East there and sow clover with it and turn it under. That field has always brought a pretty good crop of corn, when it was "tended;" but it is pretty weedy now. Five years ago the lot beyond the orchard, which you call the poor lot, had a coat of guano and the corn was way up; but it

hasn't done much of anything since but grow grass. I shouldn't wonder if that lot had got to be all right again."

Then I said:

"I must give that a thorough inspection to-morrow and see if it will serve the purpose of growing late potatoes."

Then Mr. Hutchens said:

"If you had some ashes to put on it, you could grow fine potatoes there, the ground is just as meller as it can be and only needs ashes."

Then I said:

"Oh, there is a heap of ashes out behind the house; but it is all leached out and I thought no good."

Then said Mr. Hutchens:

"That don't make any difference. When it has been leached it won't burn the seed and you can use it all the better. I used to think just as you did; but on trial I couldn't see much difference between the ashes just from the fire and that which had been rained on all winter. The vines were a little larger, but the potatoes turned out about as well."

Then I said:

"Well, I must try that land with potatoes. I see that something was grown last year just beyond where I have concluded to have my garden. It looks as if there were three or four acres there."

Mr. Camden said:

"Mr. Janney grew tomatoes there, and they did first rate too. I shouldn't wonder if that was a pretty good piece of ground. But it don't take very good ground to raise tomatoes. He kept the weeds down, pretty good for him, and carried a good many baskets down to the depot."

I made a note in my mind of all these things and I thought the evening had given me a great deal of imformation and help, and had been a profitable visit for me.

The young folks meanwhile had been

full of laughter and music, and the women had been all through the house and had a pleasant time indoors.

Finally we went into the parlor, and all who could gathered around the piano and sang. First some of the sentimental songs by the young folks; but presently some of the popular hymns in which all could join, such as Beulah Land, Bringing in the Sheaves, etc. I observed that Mr. Burns and Mr. Camden were good singers and Mrs. Hutchens had a beautiful alto voice, which she handled with great skill.

Mr. Hutchens and I continued to talk on farming subjects while the others made melody in voices and hearts. Mr. Camden's son, however, did not seem to be quite as merry after we all came in as he had been before, although he sang a pleasant tenor with the rest.

It seems my wife and my girl had been expecting a visit, although they had not said anything about it and did not know when it would be. They had some cake prepared for it, and some lemons, and before the visitors went home wife beckoned to me and said in a loud whisper.

"Now, Mr. Green, you must come and help hand the things around."

And I said:

"Oh, yes, of course I'll do that. Which shall I take first, lemonade or cake?"

Then she gave me such a look! And I picked up the waiter with plates and napkins and started.

In due season with laugh, and pleasant remarks, and good byes, and "come soon, and visit us," the evening ended and they were gone.

( To be continued next week.)

For The Maryland Farmer.

### UNJUST PRICES.

Any law, or any license, or any custom which will permit a doctor to charge an

exhorbitant price for a few minutes visit, and at the same time prevent the farmer from doing the same, is an abomination.

Any law, or any license, or any custom which will permit a lawyer to charge an exhorbitant price for a few hours work and at the same time prevent the farmer from doing the same, is an abomination.

The farmer is just as skillful in his department as the doctor or the lawyer in his. The farmer's produce is just as important as the doctor's or the lawyer's. If the latter is authorized to collect exhorbitant rates, then the farmer should be able to do the same.

The charges of doctors and lawyers are unjust if the skilled mechanic or the farmer is not on their level, and the law should not in any case discriminate in their favor. The Farmer plowing with his team on the lawyer's acres, should offset the labor of the lawyer for the same time, in any court of law. The skilled mechanic at work in the doctor's cellar should offset the labor of the doctor for the same time in any court of law. Until this is done injustice is manifest in our laws, and the farmers, who have the power, should never rest until it is corrected.



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### WEEK.

### DEPRESSION IN CONGRESS.

We observe that the condition of farming lands and the farmers is having a continued discussion in the Senate of the U. S. in connexion with the subject of the Both parties seem to realize the fact that our present tariff and the projected one, also, have no features to change the course of things in relation to the farmer. But still the taxes are piled upon them to bolster up manufacturers and to enable more manufacturers to embark in projects and pile up fortunes. It is time that the country was brought back to an economical government, free from the hundreds of thousands of pensioned paupers, and the taxes reduced to the government's actual needs.

### ELMIRA, N. Y., FAIR.

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### THE RAINS.

Throughout this section the universal feeling of relief occasioned by the late rains testifies to the good work they have done for the farmers. They have saved the corn crop. One market gardener says his sweet corn was in a condition of collapse before the rains and he had given it over as a failure; but the rains went down to its roots so thoroughly that by actual measurement it has grown from 9 inches to a foot in 24 hours. Other crops have benefitted to a corresponding amount, aithough we might make an exception as to potatoes, which are considered at present as not so promising. It is now very generally regarded as quite certain that the farmers will be better off at the close of this year's crops than for several years past.

The fruits however have to be left out of all calculations, except the grapes, which seem to be doing very well throughout the entire region.

Were it not now for the continued agitation of higher taxes, and the extortions of trusts and monopolies, the farmers would begin to see daylight. The fact, that such hosts of the farmers are organizing and expressing themselves so freely on political subjects, seems to be having a salutary effect upon the politicians.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

For the first time the Maryland Farmer has a canvasser in the field for subscribers.

He has spent a few days only; but he has rolled in the subscribers in such numbers that he promises thousands before the year shall end. We are ourselves surprised at the welcome our canvasser has received. He and his music are to become a power in our behalf. Will our present subscribers give him their help, when he comes within their reach; and we ask all who read this to be prepared to receive him and profit by his generous offers.

### THE ALLIANCE.

The meeting of the Maryland State Alliance in Baltimore during the past week, and the decided stand taken by them as to the matter of tariffs and trusts is having a good effect upon the political managers and rings. It is a warning to both part-

ies that men of right stripe must be nominated by them, if they hope in the future.

The Maryland Farmer expects to support the men advocated by the farmers, regardless of all party affiliations, and to do our very best to have our legislature brought under the control of the farmers' influence. We prefer that the candidates should be practical farmers; but we are not fanatical on this point; if we can be assured that the views of the farmers shall be carried out faithfully.

We expect to do a strong work whenever occasion calls us to do it, and to put our hand to the plow without hesitation as we see the need of action.

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It is claimed that acid fertilizers change this condition of porosity by destroying these agents of life. The soil becomes compact, heavy, dead. The air, water and sun cannot penetrate and the results are of the nature of stagnation. The best fertilizers seem to be wasted on such land, and not until coarse barn yard manure is ploughed in and new life of earth worms is added will it again become productive.

The facts are stated to account for the general experience of the inadequacy of commercial fertilizers on certain lands. We would be pleased to receive the experience of many of our readers on this subject.

### WILLIAMS GROVE PIC-NIC.

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We have received a beautiful little pamphlet containing a series of six photo-engravings of different scenes in Williams Grove during winter. It gives, also, the daily program for the week. Address R. H. Thomas, Gen'l Manager, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

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The Geneva Agr. Ex. Sta., N. Y. sends us Bulletins 21, 22. The latter on "Pigs Feeding without milk" is interesting. The former "Testing of Dairy Breeds" is a work of tables, figures and chemical terms requiring too much of the ordinary reader for intelligent comprehension.

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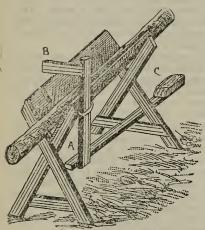
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### FARM CONVENIENCES.

### An Improved Sawbuck—A Tamping Rod for Setting Posts.

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A CONVENIENT SAWBUCK.

the ground while sawing. The old style of sawbuck requires a stooping position which is very monotonous and tiresome, to say the least. The foot rests on the lever A, and holds the clamp B down firmly upon the stick of wood. At C is placed a weight heavy enough to hold the clamp up while putting on another stick to be sawed.

Prairie Farmer, authority for the foregoing, gives the following illustrated description of a tamping rod for setting posts:

A three-quarter inch iron rod of the required length is recommended, with a large nut or piece of iron welded on the lower end. The other end may be chisel pointed, as shown in the illustration herewith, for the purpose of enlarging the hole around the post. If the rod is bent a little there will be less liability to injure the herds against the posts. In putting up wire fences it is advised

### AN IMPROVED TAMPING ROD.

to leave most of the staples loose, driving about every fourth one down on the wire. This gives the wire more play and it is not so liable to break. Does It Pay to Shade Bee Hives?

"Does it pay to use shade boards?" was a question asked at a recent meeting of bee keepers.

Mr. Draper said his bees did not need them.

Mr. Becker—I do not want any shade for my bees any time. Give the bees the sun the year round. I have never seen a frame melted down that a good colony of bees had access to. Give them plenty of room and ventilation.

Mr. Stone has his bees under a shed. The strongest colony he had last season was under a tree. He could not say which is best—sun or shade.

Mr. Robbins—Shade is a good thing in summer. I like artificial shade.

### A Quick Way to Kill Caterpillars.

Take a suitable pole, say ten feet long, and attach to the end a coarse woollen cloth by winding it with strong twine, so that it-will not slip either way. Take from one to three quarts of wood ashes, pour on hot water, and thus get a strong lye. Take an old pail, turn in the lye, adding one pint or more of soft soap, and stir well. It is then ready for use, and I will warrant this lye and soap to deal the deathblow instantly to all caterpillars by thrusting the saturated swab straight into the nests. Put the pole and swab in a secure place for future use.—Country Gentleman.

### Clover with Straw.

National Stockman recommends that in rainy, catching weather clover be placed in the stack or mow with alternate layers of straw. It affirms that the clover comes out green in color as when put in. Even the blossoms do not change color. The straw is also imbued with the flavor of the clover and is eagerly eaten by the cattle. Dairymen do not generally realize the value of maintaining the bright green color of the hay. This will be particularly shown in promoting the yellow color of the butter made in winter.

### Green Food for Fowls.

Fowls want green food, especially in the season for it, and where they have their liberty they consume large quantities of grass; also vegetables if they can get at them. When confined in little runs they should have a small supply with their other food daily. Clover is always welcome. There is nothing they your friends use Sheet Music look for our special offer to subscribers.

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like better than cabbages, both heads and leaves. By sowing a bed in the garden with cabbage seed, early and thick, a plentiful supply of leaves can be furnished them before the transplanted plants head.

### Here and There.

The final round up of cattle in the Indian territory is about complete, and the number of cattle now in the territory is estimated at only about 500,000 head.

The export trade in "chopped apples"—a dried product from inferior fruit left over from the best quality of evaporated fruit—according to a recent estimate, had increaged from small orders in 1880 to 11,000,000 pounds in 1888, and 20,000,000 pounds could have been sold in 1889. These chopped apples are largely used in France for conversion into cider.

A noticeable feature of recent bee keepers' conventions is the increased number of ladies who take part in the exercises.

Mixed grasses are better for stock than a single variety. No matter how valuable any particular grass crop may be, or how large the yield, the stock will thrive better when fed on a variety.

The following is also said to be a good application to prevent metals rusting: Melt one ounce of rosin in a gill of linseed oil, and while hot mix it with two quarts of kerosene oil. This can be kept ready to apply at any time with a brush or rag to any tools or implements required to lay by for a time, preventing any rust and saving much vexation when the tools are to be used again.

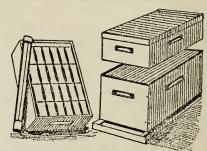
The Construction of Bee Hives for Simplicity, Utility and Cheapness—An Illustrated Description of the Poor Man's Hive by One Who Has Tested It.

It was said by a correspondent in American Bee Journal some time ago that the "coming hive" was one that would take a standard Langstroth frame in size, with 'a wide, stiff top bar. An apiarian, commenting on the foregoing in the same journal at a more recent date, gave his views on the subject of top bars. He said: After using a top bar 17-16 inches wide for nineteen years we know that, if properly made, they will almost invariably prevent brace combs. We will describe the hive and top bars as we think they should be

made, and, to aid in making it plain, we here present an illustration of the hive and super.

We call this the Poor Man's Langstroth Hive on account of its cheapness. The engraving represents a 1½ story 8 frame Langstroth hive for comb honey; the top raised above the hive being a super, the same as the one at the left. and has a plain board top or cover. The size of the brood chamber is 20½x13½x9½ inches, outside measure, with scant ½-inch bee space above the brood frames.

The super is the same size as the brood chamber, but is only 44 inches deep, and it also has a bee space above the sections. The edges of the hive and super are all square, and rest squarely upon each other, to do away with all dummies, false ends, section holders, etc. We use a combined wood and tin T, and as the supers are rabbeted at the top, the same as the hive, and the T being half an inch wide, there is good finger room to handle the sections. A T is also used between the rows of sections at the top to prevent the sections from racking or getting out of shape. When the sections are filled they are perfectly square.



THE POOR MAN'S BEE HIVE.

The frame is the standard Langstroth, except the top bar is 1 7-16 inches wide and # of an inch thick down to the square. By looking closely at the end bar, standing at the left of the super, it will be seen that it is V shaped, but the V is not as wide as the bar. Right here is one of the advantages of it; the bar proper being 1 7-16 inches wide, and the V only 9-16 of an inch wide, we have a flat square on either side of the V of 4 of an inch. When the comb is built out it is not as wide as the top bar, and the bees are not inclined to draw it out and over the square edge of the bar, as they do where the V is the full width of the bar, giving a slanting edge to run over. Do all see the point?

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With the use of this top bar there will be no brace combs, hence there is no need of a honey board.

The points of cheapness are these: There are no honey boards, no extra supers, crates and section holders; and no outside covers, or bands for tiering up, etc. There is nothing to get but the brood chamber, an eight frame super and the sections, when you have a complete hive, and one that will give the best of results for either comb or extracted honey.

Two supers will make a brood chamber, and can be used for extracting from, or one brood chamber may be placed one on the other.

Brown Leghorns in the South.

Southern Cultivator says:

I have been breeding brown Leghorns for over six years, and, though I also breed several other varieties, had I to give up all but one my choice would be the brown Leghorn. I consider them particularly adapted to the south. First, health is to be considered. The Leghorn seems to stand our long heated term better than most other breeds, and during our damp and rainy season the larger breeds are more subject to the roup and other diseases caused by dampness. I have never had a Leghorn with the roup. nor have I ever seen one with it. Second, the color of the plumage suffers very much from our hot suns. White fades out, and black becomes rusty to a certain extent, while the brown Leghorn retains its color all the way through. Third, of course it is known the whole world over that they are not excelled as layers. It is also said that in cold climates the Asiatics are the best winter layers, but in our coldest weather even the Leghorn will shell out the eggs just the same as her larger cousins.

### Weeding Rye from Wheat.

In wheat growing localities rye is a weed, and an especially dangerous one to get among seed wheat. We have known, says Toronto Mail, some wheat growers who would not grow rye on any part of their farms, as it would get into the manure piles and thus spread to the wheat field. Rye is much more hardy than wheat, and in bad seasons it increases. As its tall heads peer above the wheat, ten days or more before the latter heads out, there is ample time to go through the field with a sharp knife and

cut out the intruder. It is curious to note the prolificacy of rye when it has a good chance. Each of these stools is from a single grain, and each will have from four or five to eight or more stalks with a well filled head, and altogether bearing often fifty to sixty times the number of the grains from which it sprung. As the farmer is doing this job he may well wonder why rye, as sown in the field for grain, does not yield at this rate, and whether he does not usually sow three or four times as much seed as would be needed if the plants were better manured and the soil better fitted.

A Description of T. B. Terry's Covered Barn Yard and Tool House as Given by Himself in The Country Gentleman—A Ground Plan and End View.

Fig. 1 shows the ground plan of Mr. Terry's covered barn yard and tool house, which has excited interest not only among farmers in his own state (Ohio), but others who have heard about it. His description is as follows:

The rectangular space in the foreground is the plan of tool house, 22 by 56 feet, with 12-foot posts. It is all one room; the lines merely show the position of posts and width of doors. The entire front is doors. The three spaces marked A are used entirely for storing away tools. The widest one takes in binder, hay rake, etc. The others are wide enough for manure spreader, roller, Eureka mower, etc. The two spaces

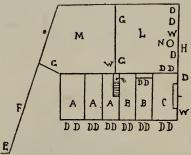


FIG. 1—GROUND PLAN OF TOOL HOUSE AND YARDS.

marked B show where we keep carriages, with a little cupboard with two doors for carriage harness; D stands for door throughout the plan. We keep wagons in C (but usually on main barn floor). or

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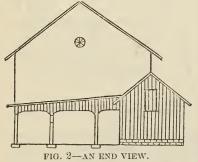
The D on the right side of C is a sliding door into horse stable, which is in the basement of the main barn H.

The first four spaces to the left in tool house have a tight floor over them about 7 feet from the ground. This gives ample room below for any tool or open buggy, and a nice store room above for lumber and odds and ends. The doors into these four spaces are the same height, 7 feet, but the ones into the fifth space are 9 feet, to accommodate any top carriage, and the ones into C are 11 feet, so a load of hay could be driven in, if desired, temporarily. The position of stairs is shown in plan. The tool house has an earth floor, with a stone set in the ground under each door post. The back side and ends are underpinned. W shows the position of windows.

With the barn to the west and the tool house to the north the covered yard L has a warm exposure. There are double doors into the tool house and also into the cattle stable. The single door is into the horse stable. N is the water tub. The G nearest the tool house shows position of a small gate into the open yard M, and the other G is a large gate. The fence at the rear of L is tight and 6 feet high. The roof over

yard is tin.

Fig. 2 gives an end view from the east. The little building is the tool house and the outline of the main barn is given. Fig. 2 shows the posts that support the cover over yard, with stones under them. From each post a heavy beam runs to the main barn, then rafters were laid from beam to beam and up on to tool house. The space be-



tween the first two posts to the left has a gate in it. The next space has planks slipped in between posts (so they can be taken out to draw out manure) to a height of six feet. This leaves four to five feet open space above, and there is the same on the south side. The floor of this covered yard is some eighteen inches below the floor of tool house and stables, with an easy grade up to the latter. In this way it will hold about 100 loads of manure before it seems to be leveled up.

Our farm buildings stand on the road. E (Fig. 1) shows the road fence and F

the field fence.

We have used the covered yard nearly a year, and I think I never spent \$100 that gave greater satisfaction. It is large enough for our present use. Were I intending to keep much stock I would continue it on over M.

Secretary Bayard's Daughter.

Miss Louise Bayard, who is visiting Miss Elizabeth Moorhead, of Ellsworth avenue, Shady Side, is the daughter of ex-Secretary Bayard. She has been a great 'success in Washington society, having had the entree through her father's official position to the most exclusive circles of the capital. In appearance she is tall and slender. Her hair is between light and dark. She has a very pleasant and intellectual countenance. She is a young lady of remarkable strength of character, and made a very good impression on Pittsburg people.—Pittsburg Press.

It is now perfectly permissible for a young mother to walk along the streets of New York with her child. Her tofore such a thing has not been countenanced. She might lead an ugly, heavy jawed bull dog by a string, carry a pug or terrier or accept the escort of two men in no way related to her; she might also have the attendance of a mand or man servant along with an infant, or run about, but to be alone with the little one was the worst possible form of street etiquette.

Miss Elaine Goodale, the poetess, is government supervisor of education among the Sioux. She lives in camp or reservation in the most primitive way, traveling from one Indian village to another on horseback or in a "prairie schooner." She deliberately prefers this life to the social success which a woman of her talent and culture might command.

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A Stinging Rebuke.

It was on a street car bound up town at about the time when the men and women who work in the great down town hive of business for the better part of the day are hurrying home. Every seat was occupied when the car stopped and two women boarded it. The first was an elderly woman, somewhat feeble. The second was younger, sturdy and aggressive looking.

A good looking man of middle age arose from his seat, and touching his hat asked the elderly lady to be seated. Before she could sit down, however, the younger woman pushed her aside and sat down herself. There was no one in the car who did not know that the man who had given up his seat intended it for the older woman, and the action of the younger one astonished everybody for a moment. Then half a dozen seats were vacated and the elderly woman took one of them

The man who had first given up his seat raised his hat to the woman who had taken the place not intended for her and said in a voice that could be heard throughout the car: "Madam, I believe you to be among that class of women who are always complaining of man's lack of courtesy toward women. You will pardon me if I say that you are also one of that class of women who tempt men to be discourteous," Then he calmly proceeded to read his evening namer.

An audible snicker ran through the car and one woman whispered to another: "Served her right." The woman flushed and looked straight before her, paying no attention. She stood the looks of the other passengers for fully half a dozen blocks. Then she signaled the conductor and, looking neither to the right nor the left, swept out of the car. A man who had curiosity enough to also leave the car at the same place and watch her saw her board the next uptown car that came along.

The rebuke had had its effect.—New York Mail and Express.

### Dainty Sailor Hats.

The sailor hats will be worn for outing purposes more than ever, and those provided for the wife and daughters of the Prince of Wales are simple enough to be copied by the sweet girls of our own country. They are made of light weight white serge, have a head band of oiled

silk, and are simply trimmed with a serge ribbon and an enameled buckle of another pattern. An inch, or even a half inch difference in the height of the crown or the width of the brim makes all the difference in the world as to the hat suiting your own especial face, and will well repay the thought and care thus bestowed.

While many persons contend that they are from their simple outlines becoming to nearly every one, the general verdict is that they are not for the woman with a big nose, with ugly ears or with a heavy lower face, and the woman with just these features—that is, the big nose and the heavy lower face—is very apt to be just the sort of woman who cares but little—for the frivolities of life, and who yearns for just that simple form of headwear. Too bad that she may not indulge her liking, but if she does it only makes her look absurd.—Chicago Journal.

### A Catacomb at Kertch.

A few days ago an interesting catacomb was discovered at Kertch, in the neighborhood of the Tahtar quarter. The catacomb in question lies about fifteen feet under the surface and is divided into three compartments. It is decorated with frescoes representing Hermes surrounded by winged genii and also with scenes taken from domestic life. The most interesting discovery of all was an inscription, part of which forcibly reminds the reader of the one over Shakespeare's ashes. It runs, "Sorak, who never threw away the bone of the poor, has raised for himself this sanctuary, and adjures all people that his bones were not robbed and defiled." This adjuration to posterity has been without effect, for the catacomb was already found to have been plundered .-Exchange.

### Chicago's Wealthy Spinster.

The wealthiest young lady in Chicago, now that Anita McCormick has joined the ranks of the matrons, is Miss Bessie Ross, daughter of Dr. C. R. Ross and granddaughter of the late Tuthill King, whose vast fortune she inherited through her mother. Miss Ross is a pretty pink and white little creature, with blue eyes, yellow hair and a delightful English accent, which she received on the Continent soon after her graduation. She weighs about 170 pcunds, but her prospects are even heavier, and solid gold.

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Gen. Lee's Charming Daughter.

A trait that would have distinguished Miss Mary Lee, the younger daughter of Gen. R. E. Lee, among politicians is her wonderful memory for faces and names. Even a casual acquaintance met years before is not forgotten, and meeting him several years afterward she at once speaks his name and recalls all the details of their former meeting. Miss Lee came from Egypt to witness the unveiling of the statue of her father. She has spent the last five years in Portugal, France, Russia and the island of Madeira.

Miss Lee arrived in New York entirely unannounced to her many friends here, who would have gone in troops to the dock to meet her instead of allowing her to stand alone for two hours on the pier in a cold, drizzling rain. She had expected to find it hot in New York, and packed away all her wraps before landing, thereby contracting a severe cold. She is a tall woman of distinguished presence, and possesses that vivacious charm of manner and brilliancy of conversation which are nature's best gifts to her sex. Miss Lce will remain in America visiting friends in the south for a few months, when she will sail for Rome.-New York Cor. Richmond Dispatch.

Pretty and Held as a Counterfeiter.

A remarkable criminal case was decided before United States Commissioner Tavener at Parkersburg, W. Va., the defendant being Mrs. Gertrude Russell, a young married woman of great personal beauty and a member of a wealthy Lawrence county (O.) family. For some months past numerous instances have occurred on both sides of the river in the vicinity of this city where parties applied to to furnish change for \$20 gold pieces have found themselves in pos-session of gilded silver half dollars. After complying with the request for a long time it could not be decided who the very slick crook was, but ten days ago Mrs. Russell, it is charged, went into a local bank and attempted the trick, which failed. She was arrested and had her preliminary examination, being defended by ex-Governor J. B. Jackson and three other prominent attorneys. She was held for the federal grand jury in \$1,000. The defendant fainted when the announcement of the result was made by the commissioner .-Baltimore Sun.

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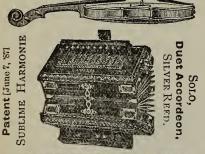
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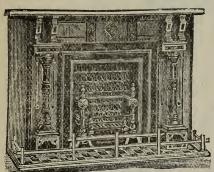
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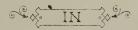
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